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Congressman Bob Filner honors Dr. Willie Manley as Ambassador of Peace

Last month, Congressman Filner spoke before Congress recognizing and congratulating Dr. Willie E. Manley as a recipient of the Ambassador of Peace Award.

He presented the award to Dr. Manley on Tuesday, June 24, 2003. Dr. Manley is one of the 100 recipients from around the world. As the award states, it is granted to individuals who have dedicated their lives to promoting "strong family life, interreligious cooperation, international harmony, renewal of the United Nations, a responsible public media, and the establishment of a culture of peace. Transcending racial, national and religious barriers, the Ambassadors for Peace contribute to the fulfillment of the hope of all ages; a unified world of peace wherein the spiritual and material dimensions of life are harmonized." Dr. Manley is certainly deserving of such an award, said the congressman.

Dr. Manley's life has exemplified those very values. At home, he is the loving husband of Vertis, and the dedicated father of seven children. In addition to his work at the Greater Life Baptist Church, he is a community activist; he has traveled as a missionary to South Africa and West Africa; he has been a Goodwill



Ambassador to Korea; and has served as a past President of the NAACP, San Diego Chapter.

Simply by reading his resume, one realizes that Dr. Manley is a man who is dedicated in every way to his family, to his community, to his religion, and to this world. He has worked locally, national and internationally with

the government, with non-governmental organizations, and at the grassroots level.

His work has focused on peace and understanding among the people of the world. He has worked to improve race relations

in the San Diego area. He has also worked to promote interdenominational and interreligious relations in San Diego and around the world. "Indeed, I can think of no better candidate for the Ambassador of Peace Award than Dr. Willie E. Manley," concluded Congressman Filner.